

Meriden

Connecticut

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Belongs to
New Haven County
New Haven Labor Market Area
South Central Economic Development Region
South Central Connecticut Planning Area



Demographics

Population	Town	County	State	Race/Ethnicity (1990)	Town	County	State
1990	59,479	804,219	3,287,116	White	53,327	687,491	2,859,353
1995	57,980	806,600	3,289,090	Black	2,553	82,011	274,269
2000	57,280	816,880	3,316,120	Asian Pacific	417	10,484	50,698
2005	58,360	825,950	3,364,080	Native American	107	1,536	6,654
				Other	3,075	22,697	96,142
'95-'05 Growth	0.7%	2.4%	2.3%	Hispanic origin (may be of any race)	8,144	51,003	213,116
Land Area	23.7	605.8	4,845.4	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Population per square mile	2,441.8	1,331.5	678.8	Persons age 25 or older		Town	State
Households	23,237	305,889	1,237,000	High school graduate		13,511	648,366
<i>Age Distribution (1995)</i>				Some College		8,958	495,696
	0-4	5-14	15-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Total
Male	8%	15%	30%	23%	12%	12%	27,799
Female	7%	13%	28%	22%	13%	18%	30,181
State Total	7%	13%	27%	24%	14%	14%	3,289,090
							6,276
							597,693

Economics

<i>Number of Establishments (1995)</i>				<i>Top Ten Assessments (1994)</i>	
	Town	County	State		
Manufacturing	108	1,573	6,068	1. Yankee Gas	\$17,549,880
Services	459	7,908	39,011	2. SNET	17,227,520
Trade - Retail	359	4,563	20,251	3. Conn Light & Power	14,907,460
Trade - Wholesale	98	1,741	9,858	4. Meriden Square Partnership	14,028,850
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	136	1,712	8,809	5. Meadow Haven Inc	11,536,260
Total Establishments	1,413	20,745	104,409	6. HRE Properties	10,921,400
Per Capita Income	\$23,330	\$26,456	\$30,303	7. Carabetta Enterprises Inc.	10,200,090
Retail Sales (thousands)	\$336,189	\$27,231,413		8. Fusco-Meriden	7,228,570
				9. Cuno	6,808,480
				10. Miller Company	6,620,270
				As % of Grand List	4.3

Education

Grade organization (number of schools): PK-5 (2), K-5 (6), 6-8 (2), 9-12 (2)

1994-1995 School Year

Total students	8,226
Total expenditures per pupil	\$7,283
Average teacher's salary	\$52,173
Students attending public school	85.0 %
Students in extended day kindergarten	2
Graduates attending four year college	51.2 %

Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal

	Grade 4	Grade 6	Grade 8
Reading	32.4	47.0	46.5
Math	45.3	30.6	25.3
Writing	24.6	15.8	15.2

Average Class Size

Kindergarten	21.5	Grade 5	22.0	High School	20.3
Grade 2	21.9	Grade 7	24.8		

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Government

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1993-1994		Total Expenditures	\$106,622,657	Equalized Grand List	\$2,720,003,778
Total revenue	\$103,713,671	Education	\$47,962,472	Per capita	\$46,447
Tax revenue	\$57,891,601	Other	\$58,660,185	As % of state average	59.3
Non-tax revenue	\$45,822,070	Total Indebtness	\$77,394,151	Date of last revaluation	10/1/92
Intergovernmental	39.5%	As % of expenditures	72.6	Moody's Bond Rating	A
Per capita tax	\$989	Per capita	\$1,322	Actual mill rate	45.10
As % of state average	49.6	As % of state average	68.6	Equalized mill rate	22.02
		Annual Debt Service	\$14,170,100	Voting districts	17
		As % of expenditures	13.3		

Housing

1994				<i>Sales Price Distribution</i>			
<i>Housing Stock</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	Number of Sales	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
Existing Units (total)	24,870	334,842	1,351,825	Less than \$75,000	286	3,243	11,328
% Single unit detached	52.2	57.2	62.4	\$75,001-\$150,000	455	5,201	19,828
New Permits Authorized (total)	49	1,968	9,439	\$150,001-\$250,000	34	2,256	11,132
% Single unit detached	67.3	85.0	80.6	\$250,001-\$400,000	3	538	4,662
As % of Existing Units	0.2	0.6	0.7	\$400,001 or more	5	133	3,137
<i>Residential Sales</i>							
Number	783	11,371	50,087				
Average price	\$92,105	\$121,959	\$171,382				
Median price	\$90,000	\$110,000	\$126,000				

Labor Force

1994	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
Labor Force	30,723	414,224	1,726,000	Commuters into Town from		Town Residents Commuting to	
Employed	28,529	389,601	1,630,000	1. Meriden	12,166	Meriden	12,166
Unemployed	2,194	24,623	96,000	2. Wallingford	2,099	Wallingford	4,256
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	5.9%	5.6%	3. Southington	1,153	Middletown	1,461
Total Employment	24,200	344,890	1,538,980	4. Middletown	622	Hartford	1,345
Manufacturing	4,260	60,190	270,250	5. Cheshire	597	North Haven	1,189
				6. Waterbury	496	Southington	1,038
				7. Hamden	318	New Haven	875
				8. New Britain	314	Cheshire	753
				9. New Haven	309	Hamden	438
				10. North Haven	287	New Britain	393

Quality of Life

1995	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Library (1993-1994)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Residential Utilities (1995)</i>	
Miles to State Capitol	18		Total books and serials	196,255	Electric Company	
Visitor Attractions	2	488	Weekly hours open	58		CT Light and Power
Banks	14	1,188	Circulation per capita	5.3	Typical basic rate	\$9.00 + 10.599c/kwh
Lodging	8	467	Crime rate (1994)		Typical heat rate	\$10.50 + 9.648c/kwh
Number of units	718	26,540	per 1,000 residents	55.5	Gas Company	
Day Care Facilities	21	1,669	Hospitals in county (1995)	7		Yankee Gas Services
			Total beds	2,550	Typical rate	\$8.75 + 89.93c/Ccf